

1906-015  
Lee Co.

Chancery Causes: Bascom Castle vs Laura Castle

Smith, Green, Weston

CA-Divorce  
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Bascom Castle, Plaintiff

against ( In Chancery

Laura Castle, Defendant.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill, of co plain~~ent~~ent and depositions filed there with, process duly executed on the defendant and was ag~~reed~~red by counsel for the plaintiff~~on~~on consideration of which, the defendant failing to appear, plead, answer and demurr, and it appearing to the court, from the depositions of the plaintiff that the charges in the bill have been proved, it is adjudged, ordered and, decreed that the bonds of matrimony here-to-fore contracted between plaintiff and defendant, and now existing, be dissolved and the plaintiff be forever divorced, from the defendant, a Vinculo Matrimoniii, and nothing futher remaining to be done the plaintiff will pay the costs of this suit, and the cause is stricken from the docket



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Sept. 18-1906.



The depositions of J.W.Green and others taken before me, Geo. P.Gridlin, a commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, on the 10th, day of September, 1906, pursuant to notice hereto attached, at the office of M.G.Ely in the town of Jonesville, Virginia, which depositions are intended to be read as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff in a certain suit in chancery now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, in which which Bascomb Castle is plaintiff and Laura Castle is defendant.

Present: M. G. Ely attorney for plaintiff;

J.W.Green a witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1.-- State you age residence and occupation and whether or not you are acquainted with the plaintiff and defendant in this case.

A.-- I am 37 years old, reside at Beech Springs, Lee County, Virginia, my occupation is principally that of jeweler. I am very well acquainted with the defendant in this case, and I know the plaintiff but am not so well acquainted with him.

Q.2.-- State whether or not, if you know, anything of the defendant being guilty of acts of adultery since her marriage to Bascomb Castle?

A.-- I do know that she has been guilty of acts of adultery since her marriage.

Q.3.-- The acts of adultery of which you have knowledge, were they committed by the procurement or connivance of Bascomb Castle?

A.-- He had nothing whatever to do with it.

Q.4.-- State whether or not these acts of adultery were committed within the last five years?

A.-- They were within the last five years.

Q.5.-- State whether or not Bascomb Castle has lived with or cohabited with Laura Castle since the acts of adultery of which you speak?

A.-- I do not know.

Q.6.-- State whether or not the plaintiff and defendant have resided in Lee County for 12 months preceding the institution of this suit.

A.-- The plaintiff has, and while the defendant has been away a part of the time I think she considered this her home. She goes away occasionally with other men, as I am informed, and then



returns. Her reputation as a woman of chastity is not good in the neighborhood where she lives.

And further this deponent saith not.

Witness claims 2 day \$1.00

J. W. Green

W. P. Weston another witness of lawful age being first duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1.: State your age residence and occupation and whether or not you are acquainted with the plaintiff and defendant in this cause.

A.--I am 55 years old, reside, near Hagan, Virginia, am a farmer I am slightly acquainted with the defendant and very well acquainted with the plaintiff

Q.2.-- How long have they resided in Lee County.?

A.-- The plaintiff was borned and raised in Lee County and has lived here all his life. The defendant has resided in this County for about three years. She has been in and out a right smart.

Q.3.-- How near do you live to the defendant's home?

A.-- About 250 yards now. This is her father's home and is the only home that I know of her having now.

Q.4.-- Do you know of her being guilty of any acts of adultery either before or since her husband left her? or do you know of her associating with other men of not very good character.

A.-- I do not of my own knowledge know of her being guilty of acts of adultery. As to her associating with other men, I never saw her with any except as ordinary women would do, but I have reason to believe from what I have seen that she has been associating with other men of not very good reputation as to chastity.

Q.5.-- What is her general reputation since her husband left her, for chastity or as to being a prostitute or lewd character.

A.-- Her acts in public are such as to indicate that she is not a chaste woman, and her reputation in the neighborhood as to chastity is bad. In fact her own mother has told me that she did not



Laura was doing right.

And further this deponent saith not.

W. P. Weston

Witness claims 1 day \$1.00

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\$1.40

Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:

I, Geo.P.Cridlin, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of J.W.Green and W.P.Weston were taken sworn to and subscribed before me at the time, place and for the purpose in the caption mentioned.

Given under my hand this the 10th, day of September, 1906.

Geo. P. Cridlin  
Commissioner in Chancery.



Bascomb Castle  
vs. { In Chy.

Laura Castle

Depositions of

J. W. Green

Costs

1.00

W. P. Weston

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Comm. 1 hr.

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Filed Sept 17, 1906,

H. C. J. Ewing

Clerk.



To *Lama Castle.*

Take notice that *I* shall, on the <sup>*the*</sup> ~~10~~ *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept.* 190*6*.  
at *The Law office of M. L. Eby in the town of Jonesville*  
*Va.*

between the hours of *9* A. M. and *5* P. M., on that day, proceed to take the depositions  
of *J. M. Gran* and others, to be read in evidence in *my* behalf,  
in a certain *suit in Equity* depending in the *Circuit* court for the *county*  
of *Lee* wherein you are *Defendant.*  
and *I am Plaintiff*

and if from any cause, the taking of the said depositions be not commenced on that day, or if  
commenced, be not concluded on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned and con-  
tinued from day to day, or from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours,  
until the same shall be completed. Very respectfully,

*Bascom Castle.*  
*By Counsel.*



Bascom, castle

## NOTICE TO TAKE

DEPOSITIONS.

Laura Leastle,  
sept. ~~10~~<sup>12</sup> - 1906.

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Beth Smith The  
Mother of Larry  
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the 8 day of Sept  
1906

W B Short 28

for Pm Ball & Co

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU THAT YOU SUMMON

*Charley Thomas, W. P. Weston and  
John W. Green.*

*A commission in Chancery*  
to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at the court-house thereof, on the *3<sup>rd</sup>*  
day of *Sept.* 190*6*, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the

*Plaintiff*, in a certain matter of controversy in our said court before the  
said Judge depending and undetermined between *in Equity, wherein*

*Sam Bascom Castle - is - -* Plaintiff, and  
*Laura Castle is*

Defendants . And this *year*

shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ.

Witness, H. C. T. EWING, Clerk of our said court, at the court-house the *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *Aug.*

190*6*, and in the *31<sup>st</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*M. G. Ely, Commissioner  
in Chancery.*



*Boscom Costle*

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SUBPOENA  
FOR  
WITNESS

*Lama Costle*

*Circuit*

— Court,

the *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *Sept.*

190*6*—

*Et cetera*

*W P Weston*

*John Green*

*Wm Thomas*

*W B Short & S*



The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

*Laura Castle*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at rules to be held for the said court, on the *3rd* Monday in *August*, 190*6*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *her*

*by Bascom Castle*

And have then there this writ. Witness, H. C. T. EWING, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *10*" day of *July*, 190*6*, and 1 *31*" year of the Commonwealth.

A Copy, Teste:

*H. C. T. Ewing*, Clerk.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.



Executed July 12<sup>th</sup> 1906, by delivering a true copy of the within  
sub. to Elizabeth Smith, the mother of Laura Castle and at  
Laura Castle's usual place of abode, Elizabeth Castle Smith  
being a minister of her family and over the age of  
16 yrs. and explaining to her the purport thereof. The same having  
been not being found at my regular place of abode.  
for P.M. Ball. S.C.

Bascom Castle

VS

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CHANCERY.

Laura Castle

M. G. Ely, p. q

To 2<sup>nd</sup> August Rules.

See Circuit Court.

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for P.M. Ball. S.C.